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In re Application of:)
Michio TADA et al.) Confirmation No.: 9219
Application No.: 10/657,130) Group Art Unit: 3653
Filed: September 9, 2003) Examiner: T. Morrison
For: SHEET TRANSPORTING APPARATUS)
AND SHEET PROCESSING APPARATUS)
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Sir:

**RESUBMITTED INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(d), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(c) but on or before the payment of the issue fee for the above-identified application. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), a fee of \$180.00, as specified by § 1.17(p) is due for filing this IDS. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this \$180.00 fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

The statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) for the IDS filed on May 5, 2008 is non-compliant per the Office Action dated May 20, 2008. Applicants respectfully request that the

Examiner transfer of the \$180.00 fee paid for the IDS on May 5, 2008 for the IDS submitted herewith.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), each item of information contained in this IDS was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS.

Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a Japanese Office Action dated April 16, 2008 in a counterpart Japanese foreign application. A copy of the Japanese Office Action and English-language translation, and listed references cited therein, are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents listed:

1. JP 63-258328: The relevance of this document can be ascertained from the English-language translation of the Japanese Office Action and the figures therein.
2. JP 61-88934: The relevance of this document can be ascertained from the English-language translation of the Japanese Office Action and the figures therein.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed document is material or constitute "Prior Art." If it should be determined that the listed document does not constitute "Prior Art" under

United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed document, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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